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Progress...

IS OUR MOTTO.

A Happy And Prosperous New Year To All.

The time is upon us when Every Family in Collin county should ask themselves the question:

Where shall we do Our Trading this Year?

We desire to remind you of a few facts, and earnestly request you to consider them from a serious standpoint.

Three reasons why M. Aron & co sell goods cheaper than any house in McKinney:

FIRST:--We have a buyer in New York City every month in the year, who has the knowledge of the wants of the people of Collin county. We have the SPOT CASH to pay for the goods and don't have to ask favors.

SECOND:--Armed with these facilities, we have Strictly One Price, and as a matter of course, mark all goods at the very lowest possible price, thus enabling your children to buy just as cheap as yourself. We are here in business to stay and do not engage in sensational methods to draw you into our store.

Every item we offer is a bargain within itself, and you may rest fully assured that the lowest price always prevails in our establishment.

THIRD:--We have the most systematicly arranged store; and you can find a full assortment of goods at all times. Our buyer keeps our stock up to date in every particular. *Ladies as well as gentlemen will always find the very latest in everything.*

A Hint To The Ladies.

The time will soon be here, and no doubt the eyes of the ladies of McKinney and Collin county are looking for an announcement of the great and important question---of making dresses. We are more than proud to announce that we have enlarged our Dress Making Department, and have the most complete equipments we have ever had.

Our Trimmer and Designer,

Mrs. Schneier, of New York City, will have full charge of the work and designing room and Mrs. Belle Stiff-Kelley will manage the department.

Mrs. Kelley will leave for New York City on or about Jan. 15, and remain six weeks, during which time she will get all new ideas possible. Armed with these facilities we will be fully able to turn out handsome dresses, and we promise the ladies that anyone entrusting us with their business in this line will be satisfied, as everyone knows we carry out our promise.

We thank one and all for past favors, and in conclusion would say We correct all errors made known to us and hope to merit your trade by fair dealings, good goods, and Strictly One Low and Universal Price to All, Twelve Months in the year.

Very Truly,

M Aron & Co,

McKinney, Texas.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Untimely Death.

Benjamin E. Morton, of this city, died January 2nd in St. Louis after a brief illness of pneumonia. The deceased was 24 years old and was in St. Louis at the time of his sad death attending school. He was a son of W. Y. Morton of Weston, and a grandson of Capt. John Johnson of this city, and leaves besides his father, four sisters and four brothers to mourn his untimely end. Owing to some misunderstanding in the arrangements the remains did not arrive in McKinney until Tuesday when they reached here by way of Dallas, on the 9:22 a. m. H. & T. C. and were taken to the residence of D. A. Crouch on South Chestnut street. Funeral at the old Johnson burial ground next day at 4 miles east of McKinney. We extend our sympathy with that of the numerous other friends of the young man to the grief stricken relatives in this hour of gloom.

You run no risk! All dealers sell GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC on a positive guarantee NO CURE NO PAY Delightful to take. Price 50c. 3.

Assistant Postmaster W. M. Bagley is pining because his customers are not as prompt in paying their box rent as they were in collecting their rebate on the keys recently advertised in these columns.

Arthur Melton was in Farmersville Monday.

Perhaps you have never appreciated what a convenience and comfort a hot water bottle is. Our grandparents used bricks, soap stone and sad irons. Some people use them yet. A hot water bottle is better in every way, more convenient, retains the heat longer. Different sizes and prices at Smith Bros.

Mary, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dunn of College Hill, died Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Burial at Pecan Grove cemetery at 4 p. m. Monday.

But few families go through the winter without the use of some cough syrup. We have for sale many kinds, we especially recommend the one we manufacture ourselves, called Smith's Compound Cough Syrup.

Smith Bros.

Senator J. R. Gough and Representative Frank E. Wilcox will leave the latter part of the week for Austin to be present at the convening of the legislature.

A hot water bottle to your feet will add pleasure to you during these cold nights Smith Bros. sell them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Todd entertained Mr. Todd's Sunday school class at their home new years eve. The refreshments, served in several courses, and the unstinted hospitality of the host and hostess made the event one long to be remembered by the young people present.

You can now buy any of our 25 cent tablets for 20 cents. Smith Bros.

Miss Minnie Burrage, who has been dangerously ill, is recovering.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Marriage Bells.

Recorded in the county clerk's office for week ending Sat. Jan. 2, 1897
E E Odell and Miss Cammile Watson,
W M Rich and Mrs M E Skipper,
W R Bailey and Miss R H Clark,
Wm Byrd and Miss Laura Cooper,
John Wilson and Miss Pearly Jones,
H. O. Duncan and Miss Dele Weaver,
J W Nesbitt and Miss Lillie Flanagan.

You may always be assured you will get what your physician prescribes if you bring your prescription to Smith Bros.

Lee Poston was kicked on the head by a horse in the jockey yard last Monday. The wound was severe. Dr A. T. Bryant attended him.

Vaseline is a product of petroleum that is manufactured by Cheseborough company, is made by the most approved process, and is strictly all right. We handle it. Smith Bros.

W. A. Straughan and son, George, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Kirkpatrick, J. R. Parker, H. A. McDonald left yesterday for a hunting trip in Fisher county. While there they will be the guests of Dick Logan.

Physicians who furnish their own medicine will do well to let us figure on their bills. We are prepared to make you close figures on good goods.

Smith Bros.

Miss Birdie Buck returned Monday from Greenville where she has been visiting friends.

Dick Cameron is confined to his room with an attack of fever

Henry Emerson has returned from Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he has been for several months.

The best cod liver oil is made from the liver of Norwegian cod fish. We have that kind. Smith Bros.

C. Wesley Goodin is spending a week with his friend, Byron Bowers, in Waxahachie.

The Edison electric light globe for sale at our store. Smith Bros.

Jeff McDaniel is back from the north where he spent Christmas.

Anything for chapped hands at Smith Bros.

Dr. O. H. Kirkpatrick left on a business trip to Abilene yesterday.

Mrs. E. N. McAulay visited in Denison last week.

Powers & Weightman Quinine, the best made, at Smith Bros.

Wm. Warden is on the sick list.

Capt. R. M. Board has moved into the Murray property, and Wm. Allen into the Board residence, which he recently purchased.

Joe Rucker, of Tennessee, is visiting his brothers, Dr. W. E. Rucker of Richardson, and H. W. Rucker of Altoga.

Death From Lightning.

Van Alstyne, Grayson county, Tex., Jan. 2.—Bob Blassengame, a young man living about three miles west of here at Elmont, was killed by lightning last night.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following is a list of the real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office at McKinney for week ending Saturday, Jan. 2, 1897.

Lewis A J to Jolin H Wade, 68 acres S. Combs survey, $2700.

Bailey R A and wife to B F Houston and J R Brown, 40c C C Cleft sur. $1200.

Estes A M guardian to W E Kight, undivided one-fifth interest in 77½ a. R Phalin sur. release.

Russell A M to W E Kight 77½ a R Phalin sur. undivided one-fifth interest, $542.50.

Nesbitt D T and wife to W E Kight undivided one-fifth interest in 77½ a R Phalin survey $542.50.

Loyd M C to W E Kight undivided one-fifth interest in 77½ a. in R Phalin survey, $542.50.

Stamps T H and wife to W E Kight undivided one-fifth interest in R Phalin survey, $542.50.

Douglas F E to W E Kight ent interest in 76½a R Phalin survey $180.83.

Douglas A J, guardian, to W E Kight 2-3 int of 1-5 int. 77½ a R Phalin survey, $361.60.

Olinger W V et al to J H Ferguson, one-sixth interest in 4 5-6 acres John Lane survey $150.

Allison Less et al to D K Allison interest in 30 acres M I Miller survey $226.

Estes B T to J D Shipley 40a Calvin Boles survey $900.

Griffin Isaac to Wm Duncan, 5½ a M Ashlock survey, $82.50.

Dodson J P and wife to S W Jones 41 2-5 M Mowery survey $1200.

Jones S W to J P Dodson 41 2-5 a. M Mowery survey $1200.

Barnett J A and wife to G C McCoy 41 2-5 a M Mowery survey, $1000.

Jenkins J H to Arthur Stacy lot 3, block 103 McKinney Cemetery $25.

Wylie Cemetery Co. to J R Mankins, lot 10, block 3 $7.50.

Gerrish D F and wife to Susan E Jordan lot in Allen $100.

W M Erwin to W A Wells 1 a. in Rock Hill $425.

Howard John and wife to w M Baker 40 acres L Moore survey $900.

Tate D B and wife to John Howard 79 2-5 acres L Moore survey $1550.

Smith W A and wife to E T Doss, lot in Blue Ridge $700.

Douglas L D and wife to B F Douglas 1 16-100 acres J Adamson survey $160.

Warder G F to w A Smith lot in Blue Ridge $55.

Douglas John G and wife to B F Douglas 68 45-100 acres in J Adamson, Heffiinger and John Stuborn surveys $1095.68.

Gray w S to B F Houghston to J R Brown, 100 acres John Russell sur. $1903.33.

Foote G A to J R Gough lot 4 blk 94 McKinney Cem. $25.

Greer J C to B E Throckmorton lot in McKinney, $500.

Teague M B and wife to W A Moyers 58 ½ acres Wm. Ryan survey, $1100.

Teagae M B and wife to w A Moyers 40 acres w M Roberts survey, $575.

George H w and wife to M B Teague 40 acres w M Roberts sur. $307.50.

Hart G R and wife to w A moyers 6 acres M mowery survey $75.

You Get the Profits

Of Dealers, Agents, Jobbers and Middlemen by buying direct from the manufacturer.

No better wheel made than the

Acme Bicycle

Built in our own factory by skilled workmen, using the best material and the most improved machinery. *We have no agents* Sold direct from factory to the rider, fully warranted. Shipped anywhere for examination.

WRITE FOR

Our Interesting Offer

Acme Cycle Co., Elkhart, Ind.

REMOVAL NOTICE

On February 1st next The Democrat will move to the west side of the square up stairs in the Jesse Shain building over W. P Suttle's shoe store. This is the same quarters occupied by The Democrat prior to 1891. Our readers and patrons generally will please take notice and remember that a hearty welcome will be extended to them to visit us.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex. Dec. 24, '96, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Adams Steve	Moore H E
Blackwell Laura	Moore Sussie
Connie Evie	Moore Lula
Cannady Mart	Parker R S W
Eastes Mollie (2)	Taylor Jim
Lommer Dora	Thompson B F
Gordan F M	WrightLaraFrancis
McNette Marion	Maden T S

GENTLEMEN.

Ieupson T S	Brown J B
Kinsworthly J H	Bates Warren
Johnson J E	Berry B S
Lizer Mary E	Brooks N C
McMaham R M	Bond Lucinda
McNeley David	Bogan Emmett T
McKeans W	Bomar S J
McKizie Tate	Bush Price
Murray R K (2)	Chelf L F
Cox E P	Ray R H
Coal L C	Roberts Erwin
Featherston Mercea	Sloam J H
Fisher Robert	Cornelus Will
Garvin D W	Tolley B W
Bratton C A	
Graves H B	Wylie B F
Hannon D V	Wylie W C
Hubbard C H	Wort C W
Henseley Peat	Wilson Will
Jeffus Will (col)	Wilmeth Willie

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

MRS. M. A. CAMERON, Postmistress.

County Court.

PROBATE DOCKET.

Estate W S Winn deceased application to renew administration, continued.

Mrs. Lea Bates, guardian estate o Nellie Bates, application to loan money, granted.

P. H. O'Brien administrator of the estate of Sarah Calhoun, inventory approved and received.

C. C. Yeatts, guardian estate Everett Yeatts et al, minors, report of sale of land, approved.

CIVIL DOCKET.

E H Pendleton, extr est of Chas. Robinson deceased, vs. W T Pryor, continued on application of plaintiff.

G L Edwards, vs. E E McGownan appeal from J P court No. 8, continued by plaintiff.

JURY DOCKET.

E H Pendleton, executor est. Chas. Robinson, deceased, vs. W T Pryor, continued on application of plaintiff.

J. R. Whorton vs. Burt Cliffton, appeal from J P court precinct 2. continued.

Chas. Webster guardian vs. J L Moulden et al, jury fee paid by plaintiff Dec. 30, 1896, $249.

Another Man Killed.

The 9:22 north-bound passenger ran over and killed a man yesterday morning on the Houston and Texas Central, one mile and a quarter north of McKinney. The unfortunate fellow who was sitting on the end of a tie when the engine struck him, was picked up by the trainmen and brought back to McKinney where an inquest was begun and is yet in progress at this writing. From papers on his person it is supposed that the deceased's name was Patrick Larner, a member of a Dallas G. A. R. post, and a pensioner. From parties about the depot we learn that Larner came up from Dallas on the early morning train and stopped over two or three hours before starting on north afoot, as he said, for Melissa to work on a section, and, from evidence thus far gleaned at the inquest, was under the influence of intoxicants when he met his terrible death. The fatal accident occurred about 75 yards north of the spot where Joe Wilder met a similar fate Sunday evening Dec. 20th last.

RELIGIOUS.

The Epworth League held its monthly business meeting Monday night at the Methodist church after the union prayer meeting had been dismissed. The following new officers were elected for the ensuing sixth months term: Walter B. Wilson, pres; Miss Eula Plemmons, 1st V. Pres. George Moore, 2nd V. Pres; Miss Bessie Nelson, 3rd V. Pres; Miss Della Allison, Sec; Mack Webster, Treas.

The League conducts devotional exercises at 4 p. m. every Sunday to which the public is cordially welcome.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church held a business meeting Monday night and elected new officers. Hugh McClellan was re-elected president, Miss Minnie Merrett vice president, Miss Sallie Fox secretary, Plummer Harris corresponding secretary and Greenberry Adams treasurer. This society holds services every Sunday evening at the hour immediately preceding preaching.

Capt. M. H. Byrne is on the sick list this week.

GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE...

Of all Winter Goods at

The Mississippi Store.

All Heavy

Clothing, Overcoats,

Blankets, Comforts,

Heavy Underwear,

Heavy Boots, Etc.

Will be sold for next 30 Days, Regardless of Cost. This is a sale right

You can buy good clean stuff at prices never before heard of in McKinney.

- Come and See -

Respectfully,

Perry, Oldham & Co.

COMING . . .

The "NEW YORK DENTISTS" of Dallas (branch of St. Louis) the celebrated

--PAINLESS EXPERT DENTISTS--

WILL BE IN

WESTON, MONDAY JAN. 11,

and remain for one week, till Jan. 18, only. The Doctors Extract and Fill Teeth ABSOLUTELY PAINLESS by a method patented, and used by them only. No Cocaine, Gas, Ether, Chloroform used. All work at ONE-HALF USUAL RATES on this trip only.

FULL SET BEST TEETH $6.50

EXTRACTING FREE.

All other work in proportion. Regular trips will be made here, and all work guaranteed and kept in repair FREE. Call at once, as we shall remain this time for one week only *JAN. 11 to 19, at WESTON, TEXAS.* Consultation and Examination Free.

... TEETH WITHOUT PLATES A SPECIALTY ...

See this work and you will have no other.

1897. Gabe Lucas. 1897.

Do you know him? He has a fine line of GROCERIES for 1897. Call at his store at once. He is a little modest, himself, but **His Prices Speak** for him.

Give him one trial and be convinced.

First Door South of Racket Store,

McKinney, Texas.

Miss Alice Doman has returned to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Aron departed Sunday, on their return to New York.

G. E. Abernathy was in Royse City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White entertained one evening last week for Misses Cassie Nenny and Mattie white.

J. C. Moore was in Van Alstyne Saturday on business.

J. W. Asbury left on the train yesterday for Paris, Tex., Nashville, Tenn., St. Louis, Mo., and other eastern markets for the purpose of buying a large stock of furniture, and will return soon with a large stock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Willis left last week for St. Louis, where they will make their future home. Mr. Willis was the genial salesman of J. P. Nenny, and leaves a host of friends who wish him unbounded success in his new field.

Deputy Sheriff John C[illegible]ey arrested T. H Swan yesterday [illegible]orning while the latter was viewing the remains of the unfortunate man who had just been killed by the train. Swan's home is at Lucas and was wanted on two charges of aggravated assault. Swan jumped his bond of $300, which had been forfeited. He had a pistol on his person when arrested.

The popular selling remedy advertised on page 3 of this issue we have handled for the past 15 years.

Smith Bros.

The Cash Commands The Price!

The five Great Sales at the New Store of C. L. MISTROT is the Talk of McKinney.

It is the talk of the towns within 100 miles of McKinney. Multitudes are flocking here from everywhere. They carry off the Bankrupt Goods in a hurry. They come with the cash to take away the fire goods and drummers' samples. Such a crowd of willing and appreciative CASH purchasers never before invaded the city. They come from everywhere and with a jam and a look of surprise they buy all they can carry. They know where to get the goods We announce it publicly, but they wonder how we get them so cheap. They see us sell them in a hurry, yet they wonder why we let them go at such low prices. Our answer is: THE CASH COMMANDS THE PRICE.

1

The Fire Goods
From A. Kory & Co.
of New Orleans.

2

The Sample Goods
From Drummers' Samples.

3

The Bankrupt Stock
Bought at One-half Price.

4

The Shoe Samples
From Drummers' Sample.

5

The Big Lot of Ladies' Capes
Of all kinds.

All will go during the next few weeks with a mighty rush—with a great crush. One price to all.

Goods the People Want.
Prices the People Like.

Men's black and blue wool Mackintoshes all sizes, regular $9 coats, about 25 dozen in this bankrupt stock. Entire lot will go at choice for $4.50

A Dress of 10 yards of Prints of Checks, Fire Sale price 25c.

A dress 10 yds Gingham, fire sale price 50c

"Fruit of the Loom" Domestic, 4-4, Fire Sale price 6¼c.

1000 lbs Fresh Candy, cream mixtures, bankrupt price, pound 10c.

Lonsdale Domestic, Fire Sale Price 7c.

7-8 Bleaching, Fire Sale price, 10 yds 35c.

4-4 Bleaching, Fire Sale price, 10 yds 49c.

Boys' Knee Pants, new invoice from A. Kory & Sons, 5-10, 15c.

10 yards Canton (Bankrupt Stock 50 pcs) for 39c.

250 Boys Knee Pants Suits, slightly damaged by water, all sizes; just the thing for school, choice, suit, 50c.

NO DEVIATION FROM PRICE.

Your Dollar has the same purchasing power as your neighbor's.

Money Back if you want it.

Purchasers

Are getting the CHEAPEST GOODS They ever Bought

C. L. MISTROT'S.

South Side Square.

M'KINNEY, TEXAS.

TO THE MERCHANTS.

You shall not charge to the customer who pays the cash, the credit price that is paid by him who buys on time. You shall not burden your cash client with the debt of the credit one. His children are to be clothed, or he has the care of an aged mother or he supports a sister. He should not be made to carry the credit load; he should not be made to contribute towards the 20 30 or 40 additional per cent necessary to make good the shortage on your books derived from those who fail to pay their accounts. His burden is heavy enough to bear—you should not press those thorns upon his brow. You should not make use of sharp practices upon your customer. You shall not charge him two prices on your goods. You should have one price for everybody. You should endeavor to represent your goods correctly. He expects this of you. He confides in you. You should not deceive him under the cloak of friendship. That dollar or two he spends with you may be the price of a day's work; he has earned it honorably and it belongs to him and he is entitled to its full benefit. You should not take any part of it to which you are not justly entitled, and which is a small per cent only for your services. You should know that a merchant is not an emperor who wields his sceptre of gold and bids his subjects do his will.

The merchant is a public servant whose object should be to serve the people honorably and justly, and while he should be compensated, he should charge a reasonable per cent on the price of his goods for his services. You should not make use of a dickering system. It is not just nor honorable. You should not thus adopt methods which bring disgrace upon your fellow merchants. You should not require your clerks, for the price of their salary, or for any other consideration, to practice swarm methods upon your clients.

The dickering system is not a correct method; it is an uncertainty for your customer, as he does not always know the value of the goods he buys. It is a deceitful and disgraceful one for yourself and your employees. You might ease your conscience by saying: business is business—so, also, would the highwayman who robs his victim say with you, business is business. Your plan and his are identical; the only difference is that the law reaches him while there is no law against you. But listen, your doom, like the highwayman's, is sealed! Public sentiment is against you. You may walk on the gilded streets of prosperity for a time, but the pavement is brittle and will soon wear out, and there is no material being left to build with. The people are progressive—they are asking these questions; they are being educated in all branches of finance, and since they have seen that Wm J Bryan's plan of money making has failed, they are adopting the plan of C. L. MISTROT, and his method of money saving is now exciting their attention. They have have concluded that the prosperity of a people does not depend upon the making of money but upon its saving.

THE CASH MERCHANT

100 Men's Business Suits, cannot be matched in McKinney for double the money, slightly damaged by water only, choice, (entire lot must go) $5.00

All the Men's $1.50, 2.00, 2.50, and 3.00 Sample Shoes, all kinds and styles, best product of the shoe factory, choice $1.50.

Men's good working suits, big lot, been wet, all sizes, black etc, Fire sale $2.50

All the Ladies $1.25, 1.50, 2.00, and 3.00 Sample Shoes go in this special grand sale this week at $1.25.

10-4 White, California finish, Blankets, would be a real goo bargain at 3.50, in all about 135 pairs, "must go" price $2.50.

Another addition of a big Hat stock from a St. Louis assignee, on special Hat counter, $1.50 to 3.00 grades, regardless of quality, choice $1.00.

A carload of Towels, Crash and Linens at just 50c on the dollar.

The Fire Goods and Clothing from A. Kory & Sons are going like a cake of ice on a summer's day."

This will be the Banner Bargain Week of McKinney.

ARBUCKLE BEST COFFEE 15c.

Not the Cataract of Lodore but the Niagara at MISTROT'S.

The Cataract at Lodore would furnish a mild description of the rush in our store during this extraordinary sale of extraordinary values.

A mighty rushing,
skipping, striving,
raving, hurrying
crowd of people
trading—
They go tossing,
twisting, waving,
skipping, crossing,
from counter to
counter.
They go
helter-skelter,
Hurry scurry,
Astounding, confounding, hurrying
The clerks in their
purchasing.
Here they come, frisking
finging, rising,
And their countenances
with delight sparkling
On account of the rattling and astonishing
Cheapness of the goods
they are buying.
The people strong
Then dart along,
Giggling and talking,
Buying and hurrying,
As if a war waging
The goods and prices
among.
You see them tossing
And parting and leaving
The store at Mistrot's;
You see them carrying
Away bundles astound'g
Heaving, swelling and
groaning.
You see others coming
and going,
Receding and speeding
Around and around
With endless rebound,
Smiting and fighting
To get first chance at the
BARGAIN—
A sight to delight in,
Dizzying and deafening
The ear with its sound.

Mistrot's

Best Granulated Sugar 25lbs for $1. Best English Navy Beans 12 1-2lbs for 25c.
Best California Raisins 6-lbs for 25c. Best Germania Coffee 2 pks for 25 Cents.
ARBUCKLE COFFEE 15C PER PACKAGE.

GOODS THE PEOPLE WANT. STRICTLY CASH. PRICES THE PEOPLE LIKE.

What $1.00 Buys.

A good pair of work pants.
A man's fine Hat.
2 heavy pair 60c drawers.
4 red wool Undershirts.
10 pair men's all-wool white sox
10 pair ladies fine seamless black Hose.
A good $1.50 wool Undershirt.
A pair ladies everyday Shoes.
A pair ladies kid Shoes.
10 yards all-wool flannel.

Arbuckle Coffee 15c.

18 Boys black corded Suits, $1.75 values, our price, $1.23.
45 Boys knee Suits, excellent value, 69c.
23 Boys knee Suits, excellent value, $1.
24 Boys knee Suits, none better at price we name, 1.50
12 Boys long pants Suits, good value, 1.98.
18 Boys long pants Suits, excellent quality, 2.98.
12 Boys long pants Suits in black wool clay, to close out the lot at 4.50.
20 Boys Cassimere Suits, 6.50 grade, good for the money, 3.98.
36 Boys knee Pants 10c.
A big lot boys knee pants, 40c value, at 25c.
20 boys knee pants 75c quality, 48
24 boys knee Pants 50c quality, 38
60 prs boys wool jeans pants, 1.00 and 75c quality, at 65c.
White Blankets, per pair, 50c.
Good Bed Blankets, per pair, 66c
White Blankets, per pair, 75c.
White blankets, per pair, 1.50.
Grey Blankets, per pair, 2.00
A good white Blanket, 3.50 quality, per pair, 2.50.

Arbuckle Coffee 15c

Nice 5.00 white Blanket, pair 3.50
Grey blanket, per pair, 50c.
Grey blanket, per pair 1.00
Grey blanket, per pair, 1.25.
Grey blanket, per pair, 1.50.
Grey blanket, per pair, 2.00.
Red blanket, per pair, 2.00.
Red blanket, per pair, 1.50.
Good warm Quilts, 50c.
Good warm Quilts, 1.00.
Good warm Quilts, 1.25c

Never before have we shown such good values in Blankets. Our 2.50 and 3.50 white blankets are to be seen to be appreciated.

The attention of the public is called to the following prices, which, considering the quality of the goods, have never been equaled in Texas:

Men's white sox, all wool, regular 25c value,, 10c a pair.
Oil cloths, 10c yard.
10 yards cotton Checks for 25c.
Men's Turkey Red Handkerchiefs 2c each.
Carpet warp 85c bale.
Blankets, white and grey, at 50c.
Men's heavy cotton sox, men's grey woolen sox, children's black hose, all at 5c pair.
Best man's hat for the price, 1.00
All-wool red flannels, 10c yard.
The cheapest Dry goods ever showa in Texas. The best, 7.50

Arbuckle Coffee 15c.

Men's red wool undershirts, 25c.
Good roller end suspenders 15c.
Heavy blue twill flannel 15 yd.
Pants at one-half their usual price
A good pair men's wool pants 1.00 per pair.
Heavy grey twill flannels, 12½c yd
All-wool Jeans, 25c yard.
A good suit black clothes, 7.50.
Fine black worsted suit of men's clothes, regular 15.00 values, marked 7.50.
50c for the best work shirt in town.
1.00 for good wool pants.
50c for a good pair of pants.
10 spools best sewing thread, 25c.

What 50c Buys.

Yards are measured by inches, and so are dollars measured by pennies.
Boys knee pants; good 75c quality
A ladies waist others get double for them.
A good pair men's work pants worth elsewhere three times the price.
A man's good work shirt. The best in the state for the price.
A ladies wool vest.
10 pairs good socks.
One pair best men's Glove for the price in Texas.

Arbuckle Coffee 15c.

A ladies ribbed vest 15c.
One dozen lead pencils 15c.
Men's fine silk scarfs, 15c.
Ladies Jersey Gloves, 15c.
Gent's 25c quality cuff butons 15c
Ladies breast pins, 15c

98c

10 yards nice wash fabric dress goods, 98c.
A pair Ladies fine shoes, 98c.
A pair men's good pants, 98c.
A boys nice knee suit 98c.
A pair misses fiine shoes, 98c.

$5.00

Gent's fine wool suits, a big lot to close out, 5.00.
Ladies fine cloaks 2.50.
Gray mixtures all-wool fabrics; would be cheap at 40c. Mistrot's price per yard only 23c.

Another addition of a big hat stock from St. Louis, (assignee sale) on special hat counter, regardless of quality. Choice 1.00.
10-4 white, California finish, blankets would be real good values at 3.50; in all about 35 pairs; close them at 2.50.

100 men's business suits—cannot be matched—slightly damaged by water; choice of entire lot 5.00.
Men's good working suits, big lot been wet, all sizes; black etc, 2.50
All the men's 1 50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00 and 3.50 sample shoes go in our special grand sale this week at 1.50.

Prices tell and we tell the prices; read them all it will be time well spent. The fine goods and clothing from A Kory & Sons are going like a "cake of ice on a hot summer's day."

Dark colored prints, 33 yards 1.00
Fair staple prints, 25 yards 1.00
Good regular staple prints—nice styles, fast colors, 20 yards, 1.00
Handsome suiting prints, 16 yds for 1.00.
Heavy brown cottons, yard wide 25 yards for 1.00
Cotton check crash, 10 yds 25c.
Linen check crash, 10 yards 75c.
Red table Damask, per yard 18c.
Red table damask, per yard 25c.
A nice pair ladies seamless black hose 10c.
A yard of good table oil cloth 10c
A dozen pants buckles 10c.
A pair of men's suspenders, 10c.
A pair of cuffs, 10c.
A 3-ply linen collar, 10c.
A gents scarf, 10c.
A pair cuff buttons, 10c.
A nice collar button 10c.
A pair ladies gloves, 10c.
A curling iron, 10c.
A ladies hemstitched handkerchief, 10c.

During all of next week and for weeks to come we shall continue to offer the most amazing and surprising values ever shown in the city of McKinney during the long period of its history.

Arbuckle Coffee 15c.

25 pairs White 10-4 California finish blankets, good 3.50 kind, pair 2.50.
25 pairs, white 11-4 Blankets as above, per pair 3.50.
Ladies Jersey Wool Gloves, regular 25c kind, per pair, 15c.
Mens Fine Black Hose, the 25c kind, 4 in a box, to close out the lot, 4 for 88c.
200 yds all-wool red twilled Flannel, bankrupt price per yd. 15c.
250 yards all-wool eiderdown, bankrupt sale price per yard 25c.
50 dress patterns, wash fabrics, fire sale price 10 yards for 98c.
A ladies nice, black cape, trimmed with braid or fur, bankrupt sale price, 1.50.
A ladies nice, black cape, trimmed with braid, a nice garment, 1.00.
8 ladies fine, black capes, trimmed with braid and jet, 7.50 kind at 4.50.
6 ladies fiue, black capes trimmed with silk braid, the 5.00 kind, bankrupt sale price 2.50.
14 ladies fine black capes, trimmed with fur collar and lap at 3.50.
10 ladies fine silk plush capes, sold in other stores at 8.00 and 10.00, bankrupt sale price, 5.00
5 ladies fine black capes, the most stylish garment in town, sold elsewhere at 12.00, fire sale price, 7.50.
200 yards fruit of the loom bleached cotton, a yard wide, you know its worth, fire sale price, 6½c.

Arbuckle Coffee 15c.

300 yards regular 5c calico, the the entire lot at 10 yards for 39c.
1000 yards Lonsdale bleaching, bankrupt sale price, 7c.
500 yards, fine bleach, "good as gold"— you know the brand, fire sale price 5½c.
20 dozen ladies ribbed vests, regular 20c quality, half price, 10c.
10 dozen ladies ribbed vests, 35c quality at 25c.
20 dozen ladies handkerchiefs, the usual 4c quality, bankrupt sale price each, 1c.
20 dozen Misses Handkerchiefs, the usual 4c kind, bankrupt sale price, 1c.
Mens fine ribbed Mackintoshes, black and blue, are well worth 5.00, half price, 2.93.
50 boys suits, 1.00 quality, good and warm, at half price, 50c.
48 Boys knee pants, 20c quality, one-fourth price, 5c.
600 pairs mens fine cassimere pants, 1.75, 2, 2.50 and 2.75, fire sale price pair, 1.25.
Gray flannel dress goods, strictly all-wool; would be good enough 50c a yard. Mistrot's price, 38c
A nice brocaded single width dress fabric, in several shades to select from, per yard 10c.
10 pieces gray mixtures dress fabrics, half-wool and double width; would sell at 20c. Mistrot's price, per yard 12½c.
Half-wool Hamilton alpaca dress goods in different colors, always ways sold at 10c yard. Mistrot's price per yard 8⅓c.
A dress pattern; they go 10¼ yards for 65 c.
A dress pattern; get one, 10¼ yards for 25c.
Men's dark riding gloves, 50c
A dress; they go flying, 10¼ yards for 85c.
Men's heavy farmers' suspenders 15c.
Men's good rubber suspenders 5c
Men's good rubber suspenders 10c
Men's fine suspender, 20c.
Men's fine suspenders 25c.
Boys suspenders 10c.
Big assortment of suspenders, and prices are down.
Men's fine kid gloves, 1.00 quality, 75c.
Men's heavy work gloves, 50c grade, 25c.
Men's good cloth top gloves, 50c value. Mistrot sells them 25c.
Men's 50c fine gloves, small sizes, 35c.
Men's cloth gloves, good and warm, 25c.
Men's wool gloves, 50c.
Men's Daniel Hayes, genuine buck work, medium size gloves, 1.25 quality, 99c.
Men's horse skin gloves, good, durable and looks like buck; at Mistrot's 75c.
Men's horse skin gloves, 75c grade, 50c.
Boys gloves; Mistrots price, 25c.
Boys gloves, good and warm, 35c.

Misses nice, light grey jackets, stylish garment 2.50.
Misses nice black jackets, handsome garment, 2.50.
Misses dark cloth jackets, very cheap at 2.50.
Ladies heavy grey jackets, 2.50.
Ladies heavy black cloth jackets 2:50.
Ladies heavy black chinchilla jackets, 5.00 values, 4.50.
Ladies heavy long cloaks, very cheap at 1.00.
Ladies light jackets, 1.00.
Our capes and wraps are the talk of the people.
Ladies' and Misses' Light Weight Wraps, 60c and $100.
24 Ladies' Black Capes, black fur trimmed, only $1 50.
12 Ladies, Fancy Capes, medium weight, $1 98.
36 Ladies' Black Capes, good warm wraps, very cheap at $2 50.
10 Ladies' Brown Cloth Capes, a very stylish garment, at $5. 00.
36 Ladies' Black Capes, good quality; usually sold at $4 50; a nice garment; our price $3 50.
12 Ladies Brown Cloak Capes, heavy quality, double Capes cheap at $2 75.
9 Ladies' Black Cloth Capes, a handsome garment, $1. 50.
8 Ladies' Black Plush Capes, light fur trimmed, a handsome garment, $6. 95.
8 Ladies' Black Plush Capes, black fur trimmed, a very stylish garment, $3 50.
8 Very handsome Black Plush Capes at $5. 00.
Ladies' Black Hose, per doz., 50c.
Ladies' Black Hose, per doz., 60c.
50 dozen Ladies' Black Hose, per dozen, $1. 00.
50 dozen Ladies' Black Hose, per dozen seamless, $1. 50.
10 dozen Ladies' Black Heavy Rib Hose, $1. 50.
10 dozen Ladies' Fine Hose, $2. 00 and $3. 00.
50 dozen Men's Gray Heavy Sox, per dozen, 50c.
25 dozen Men's Heavy Sox, per dozen, 75c.
25 dozen Men's Gray Heavy Sox, per dozen, $1. 00.
25 dozen Men's Colored Seamless Fine Sox, worth 25c pair, our price, per dozen, $1. 00.
25 dozen Men's Fine Black Hose, per dozen, only $1. 00.

10 dozen men's fine black hose per dozen, only 1.50.
Men's all-wool white hose, per pair 22c.
Ladies all wool black rib hose, per pair 25c.
Ladies all wool black plain hose, per pair, 23c.
25 dozen childrens hose, pair, 5c.
5 dozen children wool hose, pr, 5c
10 dozen misses ribbed grey hose, small size per dozen 50c.
10 dozen misses black plain hose, per dozen 1.00.

100 pairs men work pants 75c to 1.00 values at 33c.
200 pairs mens work pants, 1.00, 2.00 and 2.50 values at 69c.
100 dozen mens work shirts, regular 50c values at 25c.

Arbuckle Coffee 15c.

10 dozen boys knee pants, regular sizes, 5 to 8, 35 to 50c quality, 15c.
20 doz. mens mixed lot undershirts, all kinds, wool and cotton, fleeced and unfleeced, at 25c.
500 pairs mens, womens and childrens Sample Shoes are offered as follows:
Mens shoes, including all kinds, from cheapest to best goods, will be swept away at 1.50.
Womens shoes, including all kinds, cheapest to best grades, will be swept away at 1.25 per pr.
Children and Misses shoes, all kind from cheapest to best at 75c pr.
1000 mens fine black and colored fur hats, only a few of a kind. These were bought mostly from drummers samples. We paid one half the regular price for them, 50 cents on the dollar. Choice of the entire lot 1.00.
1000 men's fine shoes, all kinds and all sizes. These were bought largely from drummers samples. We offer choice of this lot at 1.50
5000 pairs, ladies fine shoes, all kinds, all styles and all sizes. These were bought mostly from drummer's samples and comprise all kinds, all styles and all sizes. We sell choice choice at 1.50.
1000 pairs Misses fine shoes, drummers samples, choice of this lot, 75c.
500 pairs mens fine calf boots, drummers samples choice per pair, 2.50.
100 men's fine cassimere suits, French black twills, the 15.00 kinds, bankrupt price 10.00.
58 Mens black and dark twill 9.00 and 10.00 suits, bankrupt price 7.50.
100 mens strictly all-wool soft serge, $5 value at half price 2.50.
69 Brown and gray and dark heavy mens working suits, 7.50 value at half price, 3.75.
62 mens California all-wool suits, 10.00 values at one-half price $6.
82 mens black and wool cla suits, the 7.50 kind, fire sale price 6.50.

This Sale Will be one that will be long remembered by the Cash Buyers of McKinney.
This is an event in the sale of Merchandise when the CASH Commands the Price.

C. L. MISTROT'S, The Cash Merchant,

Buyer of Fire Stocks, Bankrupt Goods, Drummer's samples.

SOUTH SIDE SQUARE,
M'KINNEY, TEXAS.

ARE YOU

One of that great army of persons who suffer with Chronic Disorders in the Kidneys, Liver or Bowels? Do you have Heartburn, Biliousness, Headache, BACKACHE, Nervous Weakness, Disorders in the Urine or a Constipated Habit? Suffer no longer. There is a permanent cure for any or all of these troubles in

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

THE KIDNEY REMEDY AND SYSTEM REGULATOR.

It heals and strengthens the kidneys, stimulates the liver, cleanses the bowels, promotes health and regularity thro'out the body. *For the serious diseases that attack the kidneys* **PRICKLY ASH BITTERS** *is a marvel. Bright's Disease, Diabetes and the painful Bladder Troubles are well within the scope of its healing influence.*

Every Family Needs It.

Used as a household remedy to remove and cure Biliousness or Constipation or to correct disturbance in the digestion its action is prompt and decisive. Saves many dollars in doctor's bills.

SPECIAL NOTE—PRICKLY ASH BITTERS IS NOT A MEDICATED LIQUOR, HENCE IT CANNOT BE USED AS A DRINK, IT IS STRICTLY A MEDICINE PLEASANT TASTING AND EFFECTIVE And is easily borne on the most delicate stomach.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT IT.

CURED KIDNEY DISEASE.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., St. Louis, Mo. Dec. 1, 1896.

Gentlemen:—I take pleasure in saying a good word for PRICKLY ASH BITTERS at every opportunity, especially to any who suffer from kidney trouble. I was a victim of this disease for about three years and did not think there was a cure for it because I tried everything I could hear of without permanent benefit. Our druggist advesed me to try PRICKLY ASH BITTERS, which proved to be the right medicine. I took just one bottle and it built me up, gave me strength and health. I have never felt so well in my life as I now feel, and I owe it entirely to your excellent remedy.

I am, Yours truly,
J. H. FARROW, Itasca, Tex.

A Remarkable Case.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., St. Louis Mo. Nov. 28, 1896.

Gentlemen:—I desire to say that PRICKLY ASH BITTERS cured me of a very bad case of kidney trouble. When I commenced taking your remedy I was almost dead, it gave me assistance at a time when I had given up hope of a cure. It is a splendid medicine and I would advise every one suffering with kidney trouble to try it, it will prove a friend and a sure cure. Since I discontinued taking PRICKLY ASH BITTERS I have not been troubled with any disease, my kidneys do not hurt me and I enjoy good health and strength. If I can help you sell the remedy I will gladly do so because it is a genuine good medicine, and I sincerely desire to help other sufferers, that they may be cured as I was.

Yours truly,
MRS. MATTIE HALE, 514 N. Lee St., Paris, Tex.

Fifteen Years of Misery.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 31, 1896.

Gentlemen:—For fifteen years I have suffered with periodical attacks of indigestion and spleen trouble, I tried various remedies for it with unsatisfactory results. I was induced to give your PRICKLY ASH BITTES a trial and am happy to say one bottle cured me. I gladly recommend PRICKLY ASH BITTERS as a thorough remedy for liver or spleen troubles. Yours truly,
JAMES M. NELSON, Atlanta, Tex.

Helped The President.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., St. Louis, Mo. Dec. 1, 1896.

Gentlemen:—I have used PRICKLY ASH BITTERS for the kidneys. I used two bottles of it and am pelased to say it helped me very much. I do not hesitate to recommend it to any one suffering from kidney trouble. Yours truly,
R. P. EDRINGTON, Prest. Citizen's National Bank, Itasca, Tex.

It seems that the little city of Plano was graciously(?) remembered by burglars during the holidays. Two establishments being visited in one night by these midnight prowlers.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

Sold by druggists, price 75c.

Mr. S. T. Hammond has sold a half interest in "The Fair" to J. H. Sneed. That establishment will be heavily stocked by Messrs Hammond & Sneed who cordially invite you to visit them when in McKinney. These gentlemen are grateful to their many friends and customers for past favors and trust to receive a continuance of a large share of patronage in the future.

W. A. Moyers, a prominent Blue Ridge business man and merchant, was on our streets several days last week.

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," write Louden Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by City Drug Store.

Joe Barnes returned Friday from a brief but pleasant visit to his parents at Ardmore, I. T.

John Walden and deputy county clerk E. H. Keen were in Farmersville on the first.

Nerves

Are the Messengers of Sense,—the Telegraph System of the human body.

Nerves extend from the brain to every part of the body and reach every organ.

Nerves are like fire—good servants but hard masters.

Nerves are fed by the blood and are therefore like it in character.

Nerves will be weak and exhausted if the blood is thin, pale and impure.

Nerves will surely be strong and steady if the blood is rich, red and vigorous.

Nerves find a true friend in Hood's Sarsaparilla because it makes rich, red blood.

Nerves do their work naturally and well,—the brain is unclouded, there are no neuralgic pains, appetite and digestion are good, when you take

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills the best family cathartic and liver stimulant. 25c.

Why Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is the cheapest It is the only cough remedy giving 50 doses for 50 cents. Money is refunded if not benefitted or satisfied. Try it. Ask your druggist for a sample bottle.

Mrs. J. P. A. Wallace returned Friday from Van Alstyne where she spent several days visiting her sister, Mrs. Betty McKinney.

To Piano Owners.

Mr. C. E. Obenchain came in for the holidays and will remain in McKinney until January 15. He will begin tuning pianos on the first and all desiring work will be called on.

Mrs. Ray, of Dallas, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Hammond, in this city.

Ed & Will's Tonsorial Parlor.

When you wish an easy shave—
As good as barber ever gave—
Call at Ed & Will's Tonsorial room,
At morning, eve, or busy noon.
They'll curl and cut your hair with grace
To suit the contour of your face.
Their room is neat, and all is clean,
Scissors sharp and razors keen,
And all that art and skill can do;
If you will call they'll do for you.
They'll treat you nice and fair,
And neither flinch nor fudge;
You'll always find them there
As sober as a judge.
Children's hair cutting a specialty. Northwest corner of square, McKinney, Texas.

Health and sweet breath secured by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. For sale by C. C. Provine.

C. F. Saigling, a Plano citizen, had two fine horses stolen from his stable one day last week.

The progressive ladies of Westford, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield NEWS, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by City Drug Store.

L Cameron and family, of Altoga, spent a portion of the holidays with Grayson county friends.

Goostree & Houston, grocers, will furnish your holiday eating at excursion prices. Don't dally, but call early and avoid the rush.

Mr. E. B. Thompson, of the firm of Thompson Bros., is the happy father of a fine little miss at his house. It was a New Year's gift.

The Nickle Store occupies the same old stand, Call and see

Esq. E. E. Holt transacted business pertaining to justice precict No, 8 at the hub Friday.

Furniture, chairs, organs and pianos at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Dr. J. P. Webster has returned from San Antonio. He says the health of his son, Van, is much better in the salubrious climate of that portion of the state.

ATTENTION! Messrs Goostree & Houston derire to see you at once. Don't disappoint them, but call at their grocery store at once.

Work first class and rates cheaper than anywhere else in Texas at the City Dye Works.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

A Strong Fortification.

Fortify the body against disease by Tutt's Liver Pills, an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, jaundice, biliousness and all kindred troubles.

"The Fly-Wheel of Life"

Dr. Tutt; Your Liver Pills are the fly-wheel of life. I shall ever be grateful for the accident that brought them to my notice. I feel as if I had a new lease of life.
J. Fairleigh, Platte Cannon, Col.

Tutt's Liver Pills

Sam J. Davis has returned to school at Dallas.

DO YOU EAT? If you do Goostree & Houston desire your assistance in reducing their mammoth stock of eatables.

You can save money by buying wall paper, paints, and glass at City Drug Store

Go to J. P. Crouch & Co. for crockery, queensware, tinware and all kinds of cutlery.

Miss Alwilda Coffey has returned from a visit to friends at Ardmore I. T.

50 doses for 50 cents. Is the same size of other $1 bottles and money refunded if Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to give entire satisfaction. Try it costs nothing if not satisfied.

George M. Wilson spent several days last week in Houston.

Ask your physician, your druggist and your friends about Shiloh's Cure Consumption. They will recommend it. For sale by C. C. Provine.

The best cough cure is Shiloh's cure. A neglected cough is dangerous. Stop it at once with Shiloh's Cure. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Annie Dowell is enjoying vacation with her father, R. F. Dowell, and family. She is attending school at Ursuline convent at Dallas.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Jim Tally, of Rock Hill, has returned from a two weeks absence in Fisher county, the guest of his sisters. Jim says that is almost exclusively a cattle country.

Plant an Orchard

Before you plant, send for *New Catalogue of McKinney Nurseries*. This catalogue names the varieties adapted to this climate and gives instructions showing how to have, without failing, an abundance of fine fruit in any locality. These instructions are based upon forty years of experience in growing fruit in Texas, and include and refer to the latest and most advanced thought on Southern horticulture. Send to

E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
McKinney, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Newsome entertained Saturday evening for Misses Mac Marshsall and Florence Ware. The occasion will long be treasured in memory by the jolly guests for the rare enjoyment of the evening.

The best way to cure disease is to drive it from the system by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Mate Barnett, successor to the firm of Walker & Barnett, has employed Duncan Holder to clerk in his grocery store. Duncan is a son of W. A. Holder.

Here is a diamond, here is a piece of charcoal. Both carbon; yet between them stands the mightiest of magicians Nature. The food on your table and your own body; elementary the same; yet between the two stands the digestion, the arbiter of growth or decline, life or death. We cannot make a diamond; we cannot make flesh, blood and bone. No. But by means of the Shaker Digestive Cordial we can enable the stomach to digest food which would otherwise ferment and poison the system. In all forms of dyspepsia and incipient consumption, with weakness, loss of flesh, thin blood, nervous prostration the Cordial is the successful remedy. Taken with food it relieves at once. It nourishes, and assists nature to nourish. A trial bottle—enough to show its merit—10 cents.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Representative elect Moore and lady of Paris, visited relatives and friends in this city. Mr. Moore is a son-in-law of Judge Goodner of this city.

The BUCKSKIN BREECHES are nice comfortable looking pants—so much for appearance. They are strong in seams, pockets and buttons. The best help money will hire isn't too good for us employ in our factory. The result is this—the best working pants made at the same price as common goods.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wilson entertained Thursday evening for son enterter, Miss Addie Wilson. Quite a number of their young friends were present to enjoy their hospitality.

No cure, no pay. This is all we have to say in recommending Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup and for 50 cents 50 doses. My friends give it a trial. Manufactured by A. C. Simmons' Jr., Medicine Company, Sherman, Texas.

Those who are reading The Democrat to friends will please call and settle the subscription as we must send out statements soon to all who have not paid their subscription.

The Nickle Store continues to be the place for bargains

Karl's Clover Root Tea purifies the blood and gives a clear and beautiful complexion. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarhœa Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by City Drug Store.

HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!—Everybody are carrying off our groceries. We want you to help the good work along.
Goostree & Houston.

window glass cheap at City Drug Store

Carpets, lace curtains, window shades and bookcases at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

The old reliable Star Restaurant is still doing business at the same old stand in Bingham block, McKinney, Tex. Thompson Bros., Props.

Does it pay? Yes, because in case of Dr Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to cure or give satisfaction the purchase money is refunded. Try a bottle. Manufactured by A. C. Simmons, Jr. Medicine Company, Sherman Texas.

The City Dye Works has now been in McKinney several years and its trade is still increasing. Give them a call when you have an old suit to be cleaned and pressed.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

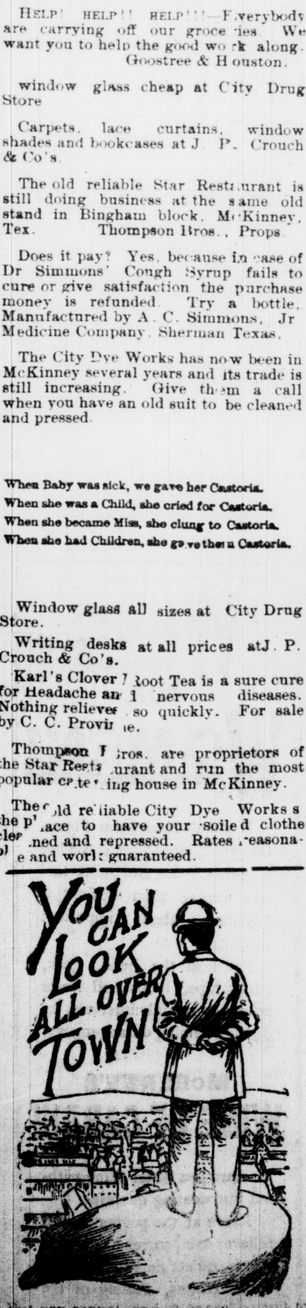
Window glass all sizes at City Drug Store.

Writing desks at all prices at J. P. Crouch & Co's.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a sure cure for Headache and nervous diseases. Nothing relieves so quickly. For sale by C. C. Provine.

Thompson Bros. are proprietors of the Star Restaurant and run the most popular eating house in McKinney.

The old reliable City Dye Works is the place to have your soiled clothes cleaned and repressed. Rates reasonable and work guaranteed.



but you cannot find a more complete line of groceries, staple or fancy, than ours and our prices are rock bottom.
Respectfully,
GOOSTREE & HOUSTON.

Whites Grove Whittlings.

The new year, 1897, has come and brought with it a good rain and a cold breeze from the north.

Miss Lottie Williams and brother, Robert, who have been visiting their uncle in Denison, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Daisy Brown is visiting relatives and friends at Willow Springs this week.

William Scott and wife and Jim Bush and wife visited relatives and friends in Denison Wednesday and Thursday.

John Stovall and wife were the guests of Joe McMahan and family Sunday.

Miss Lillie Robbins of Allen attended church here Sunday.

Clint Moore is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Claude Bennett of near Celina was mingling with his many friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Lewis McMahan, who has been visiting at Forney for the past week, returned home Thursday.

Miss Hauttie Huey, who is teaching school at Hilltown, spent the holidays with her mother.

Miss May Fraze entertained a number of her friends Wednesday evening Dec. 53. Cakes, candies and fruits were served.

Little Alvin Bryant is able to be up at this writing.

Miss Lula McMahan and Mrs. Willie McMahan were the guests of the latter's mother recently.

Joe Bailiff visited his sister, Mrs. Quisenberry, of Lebanon the latter part of last week.

Owen Murray, who has been attending school at Whitewright, was the guest of his father, Tom Murray, during the holidays.

Bro Murphy preached an excellent sermon for us Sunday and Sunday night.

Rev. Ball, the new Methodist pastor, will preach for us the second Sunday evening.

Happy New Year to THE DEMOCRAT and its readers.

DEW DROP.

Constipation causes more than half the ills of women. Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant cure for constipation For sale by C. C. Provine.

The mammoth establishment of J. P. Crouch & Co. is packed with a magnificent stock of [illegible] this is the largest [illegible] both in space and completeness of stock in North Texas. If you do not want to buy it would more than repay you to visit this for no other purpose than merely that of inspection and sightseeing.

Wall paper, paints, oils and window glass at City Drug Store

Beautiful Japanese gold flambeau shades at the Nickle Store.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.

E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer,
P. O. BOX 317, Waco, Texas

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Star Sayings.

[PLANO, TEX.]

W. D. Adkinson, P. B. Carlise, Capt. Carpenter, Harry Beaty, Joe Barnett and Dan Dudley were in McKinney last week.

Miss Annie Burt Pruitt visited friends in McKinney last week.

Miss Pauline Hughes of McKinney visited Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt in Plano last week.

Miss Laura Bell Weaver of McKinney visited in Plano last Sunday.

Miss Eula Plmmons of McKinney visited in Plano last week.

Eugene Chaddock was in McKinney Thursday.

Attorney G. R. Smith of McKinney attended justice's court in Plano Monday.

C. W. Ridout, editor of the Star, left for his old home in Granberry, Tenn., on Christmas day to visit old friends and relatives. He will return in a few days.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

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[DALLAS NEWS.]

Col. Tom Davidson has cremated the flag of Spain at Lexington, Ky.

Sermons in stones—epitaphs.

A war with some foreign country would not be so bad if it would enable us to work off some of our senatorial hotheads.

The exclusion of liquor from the national capitol is not a matter of prohibition, but a question of sole leather.

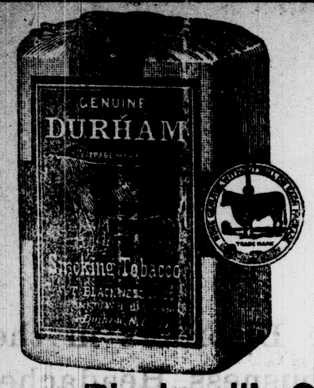
Some people are entirely too anxious to please.

The making of a deed of trust is sometimes merely a deed of distrust.

It takes a dozen policemen to keep the New York Society for the Prevention of Noise quiet.

A successful horse trader has some of the essential elements of diplomacy.

What we would like to know is, will Morgan and the Confederate claims ever get through?



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During the past year my birds have won a number of prizes at "ISAAC," imported by me direct from Felch, won first at Galveston; score 98 ½. I have also added another fine bird—OLD CHIEF—to my yards. I purchased him from Rankin, at Austin. He has rarely ever failed to win first in the show ring.

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Johnson S. H. Notes.

Jan. 7, '97.

Mr. Bull's best mule died Friday night with blind staggers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGee and and two daughters, Misses Callie and Julia, left Monday to attend the burial of Mrs. McGee's brother's child.

Johnson school is now doing best work since school began.

There will be prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at Johnson school house.

Mrs. S. M. Carson desired to see all her children together once more, hence she had a family reunion Christmas Day. They were all present as follows: R. L. Carson and family of Wagner, Hunt county; C. W. Carson and family of Snow Hill, Collin county; W. S. Carson of Wagner, Hunt county; J. T. Carson of Altoga, Collin county; her daughter and granddaughter now at home, Misses Mittie and Bessie, and her three sons now at home, J. A., F. E. and N. H. Carson. A number of friends were also present which in all made something near 50 who ate dinner with the family.

The young ladies and gentlemen of Johnson stormed the teacher last Thursday night with 8 chickens and 2 turkeys to have a chicken roast. Messrs Matthews, Moore and Recer managed the broiling of the chickens while the young people (about 30) had their social games. ISOM.

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Verona Dots.

A good many people from this county have gone to visit friends and relatives back in the old country.

Gus Hawkins has been called back home in Alabama to the bedside of his brother and sister who are both very low with slow fever.

Jim Monger has returned from Eastern Texas to his home in the Mississippi neighborhood.

Jot Woodall and little Ida Little visited Dr. Woodall at Blue Ridge last Sunday.

E. J. Woodall of Blue Ridge, has a severe attack of La Grippe.

Little Mammie Monger is quite sick.

Jim Womble of Verona, happened to a bad accident Xmas day. While hunting rabbits he shot himself through the foot, but is doing very well at present.

Dr. Woodall of Blue Ridge, visited the Verona neighborhood Sunday.

S. S. Stroup of Whitewright, is visiting his parents at Verona during Xmas.

T. M. Hinsley of McKinney, visited friends in the Mississippi neighborhood last Saturday.

A happy New Year to the Democrat.

ROSE BUD.

Tailor Shop Burned.

About 1 o'clock Friday morning the one-story brick building just north of S. Wiseman's caught fire and burned to the ground. The building was the property of Hon. Jno. Church and was occudied by the tailoring business of H. N. Anderson. The building and contents, we understand, were insured for about $1000.

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Hazel-Eyes Reflections.

Calamity City, Tex., Jan. 3, '97.

Beside the shrinking fire I sit,
The night's voice grieving sore;
The parting chapter comes: I read
The volume o'er and o'er.

While midnight hastens to bring
The last line of the leaf;
The old year wrote the pages full;
The unread page is brief.

And thought withholds the clasp of time.
Waiting to hide the year;
While o'er again, I read each line,
The old days, dead and dear

Here is a bitter page. I press
Within my heart again,
Reading it o'er this New Year's night,
The thorns it planted then.

I hurry through the blotted leaves
The faintly written lines
That tell of feeble purpose bent.
Where lower thought inclines.

Ah! here's a page to linger o'er—
So pure, so clear, so bright,
With self-forgetfulness luminous
In love's redeeming light.

The lines of many days I read:
The New Year turns the clasp
And shuts within the finished year,
I lose the old years grasp.

Ah! Coming year! you'll write us swift,
Your volume day by day:
Some pages bring as bright, as true
As Old Year steals away.

And stronger write the weaker lines,
And through the bitter leaf
Diffuse the sweet forgetfulness,
That makes rebellion brief.

The holiday season is over. Life and its responsibilities are once more upon us. We can only look back upon the past and cherish the pleasant memories that the yuletide days have left us. Of course a retrospect of the old year with its shadows and sunshine, its trials and triumphs, its disappointments and sorrows always brings sadness, because the very fact of death, even when applied to the old year, mingles with our joys the bitter essence of sorrow. We are already beginning to date our letters, diaries and all legal documents 1897. Old things are put away; we have renewed our vows, turned over new leaves, made new resolutions and imagine that this is to be a different year from any in the past. Now the question arises, will it? Twelve months from now, when the scroll of this division of eternity is put away forever, we shall be able to answer the question. With buoyant hearts and strong resolves we enter this epoch of our lives. Chilling disappointment, blinding defeat and paralyzing criticisms come to all of us, so does the genial smile of encouragement, handclasps of sympathy and the soft touch of loving fingers. When this year shall have ended may we all be worthy of the Master's praise "Well done good and faithful servant."

We wish THE DEMOCRAT and its many readers a happy new year. HAZEL EYES.

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Calamity City.

Climax, Tex. Dec. 29, 1896.

The holidays are almost over and the town is very quiet.

T. M. Derrick made a flying visit to McKinney last week.

Miss Josie Stanford is visiting relatives at Rhea's Mills this week.

Henry Slater and family of White's Grove spent Xmas with relatives here.

Dr. R. S. Davis and family are mingling with friends in Farmersville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell and daughter, Miss Nannie, were the guests of Robert Caldwell last week.

Mr. Newman and family of Chambersville, were the guests of W. L. Dixon during Xmas.

Mr. Taylor of Princeton has moved to our town and put in a nice stock of goods in the store formerly occupied by Osborne & Shipman. We bid Mr. Taylor and his estimable family welcome to our midst and trust that success will attend his footsteps.

Mr. Smith of Boggie, has moved to the lot just vacated by Mr. Recer.

Alabama Gray and family have moved to Jack county, and Mr. White of McKinney, has taken charge of his farm for the coming year.

Mr. Duke has moved to Spring Hill neighborhood. We regret very much to loose the companionship of his interesting daughters.

Eugene Evans is spending Xmas with friends at his old home in Tennessee.

The many friends of Dr. Charley Hayes will be glad to know that after a long siege of fever he is able to be on duty again.

Mr. Brown and son of Wylie, are visiting near Princeton this week.

Sam Shorter and family are visiting near Princeton this week.

Robert Caldwell and family are mingling with friends near McKinney.

We are glad to note that Grandpa Sledge, who has been very sick, is slowly improving.

King La Grippe is paying his yearly visit to our town and making sad of his victims.

Please allow us to compliment the authors of "Slander" and and the parody of the "Tempest," they were just splendid.

HAZEL EYES.

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Culleoka Cullings.

Mr. Editor: If you will grant me space in your columns I will inform your readers of the news of our booming little town.

Mr. Morrow, one of Culleoka's enterprising merchants, got his new store building completed just in time to stock up and catch the Xmas dimes.

Dr. Wright has been constantly on the go during the past week. La grippe and pneumonia is principally the sickness of our community.

Mr. Middleton, an aged gentleman and one of the earliest settlers of this neighborhood, died at the residence of Harry Thompson Friday night, of pneumonia. Burial Saturday.

John George was in town Saturday.

Billy McGraw and William Hardin, two prominent and industrious young men of our community gave us a Brush cutting Thursday. On account of inclement weather the crowd was limited but the dinner was without limitation. Ye scribe was on hand.

Mr. John Cosby, one of our merchants and postmaster at Culleoka, has been sick with la grippe but is now convalescing.

Culleoka and Spring Hill debating societies will have two joint discussions, the first at Spring Hill next Friday night. Next at Culleoka, date not yet set. Culleoka's speakers: Will C. Johnson, R. E. Chatman and J. A. Aycock. Spring Hill's: Mr. Davis, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Kemper. The first question for discussion is resolved, "That the United States has reached the zenith of its glory;" Culleoka to affirm and Spring Hill deny.

A large track of land lying southeast of town is being rapidly sold and settled. We have a hearty welcome for all.

A happy New Year to all.

WU SEE.

Jan. 1, 1897.

WINE FOR WOMEN!

Woman's modesty and ignorance of danger often cause her to endure pains and suffer torture rather than consult a physician about important subjects.

Pains in the head, neck, back, hips, limbs and lower bowels at monthly intervals, indicate alarming derangements.

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December Rainfall.

The following is the rainfall of Dec., '96, as registered by C. B. Moore, at Ad Valorem, 6 miles north of McKinney:

	Inches.
28.	.250
30.	.875
Total	1.125

RAINFALL FOR THE YEAR 1896.

	Inches.
Jan	2.5655
Feb	2.8750
March	2.62.0
April	1.3125
May	2.3750
June	1.3125
July	3.1250
August	2.1250
Sep	2.5000
Oct	4.8750
Nov	4.2500
Dec	1.1250
Total	31.0625

Probate Notice.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Collin county: Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week for three successive weeks in some newspaper published in your county, the following notice:

The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the guardianship of the estate of Nettie M. Calloway, Gertie Calloway and Jesse H. Calloway, minors; J. Bishop, guardian, has filed in the County Court of Collin County his application to be discharged as such guardian together with his final settlement of said estates, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 1st Monday in March, 1897, at the Court House thereof, in the city of McKinney, at which time all persons interested in said guardianship may appear and contest said application if they see proper.

Herein fail not, under penalty of law, and of this writ make due return.

Issued the 31st day of December, 1896.

(SEAL) Witness J. A. Walden, clerk of said Court and the seal thereof, at office in the City of McKinney, this 31st day of December, 1896. J. A. WALDEN.

Clerk County Court Collin County.
By E. H. Keen, Deputy.

From Bowlby.

Dec. 31st, 1866.

Aron Duncan is our lucky boy. In a raffle he won a $250 diamond ring.

De Hickey and Bob Duncan killed a gray fox recently. It was the first one your scribe had seen for a number of years.

Sam Foster and wife are spending the holidays in Kansas.

Your scribe and family partook of a good turkey dinner out at Mr. Watson's last Saturday.

Sam Hunter moved east of McKinney lately.

The Bowlby school played a Christmas trick on Prof. Parker last Wednesday morning. When he arrived they had a booming fire and the door locked, and wouldn't let him in until he promised to treat so he soon started two of the boys to town for the apples and candy.

Rev. Hornbeak failed to fill his appointment here last Sunday on account of being called to Rock Hill. Bro. Hays of Walnut Grove conducted the services.

The recent rain came in good time for the wheat.

Francis Griffin and Jasper Hand had several buggy and carriage wheels missing Christmas morning. CENTRAL.

Princeton Pickups.

If the owners would move away all the culled timber lying on the railroad right of way in front of the business houses, some of which has been there for years, Princeton would impress the passers-by as clean and neat and progressive. Let's do it, and not allow any more posts and blocks to be stacked there.

Prince on needs a depot and a telephone.

Cards were received here last week announcing the marriage of Jasper J. Huddleston at Brookston, Lamar county, Texas. Both parties are well and favorably known here, the groom being a son of Rev. J. J. Huddleston, who resides about two miles of Princeton, and the bride was a popular young lady in society while living with her uncle Mr. J. C. Ivey, of this community, last year. Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston, Jr. arrived on the west bound train Saturday evening and are "at home" to their friends at the residence of D. C. Efird, Sr.

W. H. Betts will return from Daingerfield the latter part of this week.

H. C. Miller is in Tennessee spending the holidays with relatives.

An excellent program for a school entertainment was rendered by Mr. Scoggin's and Miss Ball's pupils Wednesday night. Each and every one acqitted himselt admirably, to the delight of a large audience. It eclipsed anything of the kind that has ever been witnessed here.

Mr. John Pullen and Miss Cassie Woods were married Wednesday evening last at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Woods, 2½ miles West of Princeton.

Miss Gradie Bogan's school at Heardland began again Monday morning after a brief vacation for Christmas.

The writer and wife attended an elegant dining at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Lowe, one mile east of Princeton during Christmas.

Mr. W. M. Burton and family of Verona were visiting his father and sisters near Princeton, Sunday.

Mr. Sam F. Beard of Melissa, was the guest of W. A. Harrellson and wife several days of last week.

The Christmas tree Thursday night was a success. It was a large one and heavily loaded with presents. Miss. Burton was at the organ and a large choir of sweet voices rendered appropriate songs.

Miss Addie Wilson visited relatives in this village Saturday and Sunday.

The remains of Mrs. D. C. Efird, Sr. who died at the home of her son in Lometta, Lampasas county were shipped to Farmersville Sunday evening and were carried by private conveyance to Wilson's Chapel Monday and buried. Mr. Efird took his wife to Southern Texas some three months ago, hoping that the change would benefit her, but the dread disease, consumption, from which she had long been a sufferer, had gone too far on its mission of death. The gray-haired father and large family of grown sons and daughters have our sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

KNARFHPESOJ.

January 4th, 1897.

S. O. Miller has moved to the Hevil homestead now owned by Alma Wilson. Another good family added to our community.

A. O. Harnesberger, a resident of Heardland, while plowing last week discovered what he believes to be several human bones. From their decayed appearance, he judges them to have been there for years.

W. M. Ritch, once a resident of this community, but who lives west of McKinney was married to Mrs. Eve Skipper of Heardland, last Tuesday morning.

Alfred Middleton, aged 66 years died at the home of Henry M. Thompson Friday night, Jan. 1st. He was buried at Bethany cemetery Saturday.

Rev. Joel S. Graves did not fill his first Sunday appointment here on account of being engaged in a revival meeting at Anna. Services next Sunday in the new church. If the house is completed in time it will be dedicated at the First Quarterly Conference, which convenes fourth Saturday and Sunday in January.

KNARFHPESOJ.

A FREIGHT WRECK.

A Cattle Train Jumps the Track. Injuring Three Men and Mangling Several Cattle.

Dallas News.

McKinney, Texas, Jan. 1.—The north-bound No. 11 freight and cattle train was wrecked two and one-half miles south of McKinney to-day on the Houston and Texas Central and the engineer, fireman and brakeman received serious, though not fatal injuries. The train was pulled by engine No. 102, with R. E. Turner at the throttle and Charlie Roland fireman, Brakeman Will McKay, who was in the cab, and the fireman discovered some fish plates and other small iron obstructions on the track, but too late for the engineer to stop the train before the engine, tender and six stock cars of beef cattle had left the track and piled up in an indescribable wreckage.

Fortunately the steam escaped from the boiler in such a manner as to extinguish the fire and thus avoided the burning of the imprisoned cattle. Surgeons from McKinney were soon on the scene and the wounded trainmen, all of whom reside in Ennis were brought here and cared for. It will be some time to-morrow before the track will be cleared so as to permit trains to pass. Throngs of people from surrounding towns gathered to witness the wreck and join in helping to liberate the crushed and pinioned cattle, many of which were killed and mangled.

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Assets	$221,213,721.33
Liabilities	194,347,157.58
Surplus	$26,866,563.75
Total Income	$48,597,430.51
Total paid policy-holders in 1895	$23,126,728.45
Insurance and annuities in force	899,074,453.78
Net gain in 1895	$61,647,645.36

Statement of the Texas Business

INSURANCE IN FORCE.

	Dec. 31, 1894.	Dec. 31, 1895.		
Mutual Life	24,581,452	28,546,932	GAIN	$3,965,480
N. Y. Life	26,768,971	24,555,317	Loss	2,213,654
Equitable	22,787,877	20,535,948	Loss	2,251,929

NEW BUSINESS.

	1894.	1895.		
Mutual Life	$3,433,196	$8,074,960	GAIN	$4,641,764
N. Y. Life	9,330,889	6,877,593	LOSS	2,453,296
Equitable	2,274,813	1,856,829	Loss	417,984

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